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C-3 1. Source learned from a railroadman operating a block station in Dresden-Klotzsche (N 52/F 29) that Soviet troops established a camp in Jagen (Forest division) No 72 in the woods north of Klotzsche and south of Weixdorf (N 52/F 29) between 28 and 30 June 1951. Other railroadmen stated that the camp quartered about 8,000 troops who had arrived at Klotzsche on nine trains between 28 and 30 June, coming from the direction of Bautzen. The soldiers wore black-bordered red epaulets and were said to have come from the U.S.S.R. The camp was guarded by sentries who wore black-bordered red epaulets and were accompanied by watch dogs.

C-3 2. On 5 July, it was observed that a camp of 8 circular tents and as many huts had been established in the woods east of Koenigsbruecker Strasse, opposite the former Luftkriegs Schule in Dresden-Klotzsche. The troops there wore black-bordered crimson epaulets and their equipment included six mortars.

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F-3 3. The 32 Kaserne in Dresden, Wilder Mann, seemed to be occupied by about 1,200 troops since its windows were 70 percent lighted in the evenings at the end of June. Units quartered there included one unit whose soldiers wore red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia and another unit of soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Troops with motor transport insignia were no longer seen. Statements by local residents that tanks would leave the barracks installation every night were substantiated by source who observed three tanks leaving the garages and driving into the barracks yard during the night of 28 June. The following night, only the noise of tanks was heard from installation and the fresh imprints of tank tracks were seen in the morning. A truck

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25X1C hauled: 15 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 15 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets, and 15 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets to the barracks installation. On two days during the time of observation, soldiers were seen repairing several motorcycles in the barracks yard. **

C-6 4. On 28 June 1951, source learned from a railroadman from Dresden-Meustadt that two command trains, each of five express-train coaches and an express-train locomotive, have been standing there under steam since the beginning

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of June. The trains were guarded by sentries who wore black-bordered violet (sic) epaulets. Officers seen there wore the same colors and caps with vizors, the brims of which were embroidered with oak leaves. Source further learned that a command train of blue express-train coaches arrived at Dresden-Kleist railroad station at the beginning of June.

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25X1A * Comment. The information in paragraphs 1 and 2 possibly refers to the same camp. However the number of 8,000 troops seemed to have been over-estimated. There have been no reports confirming a large-scale movement of troops from the direction of Bautzen and it was not before 3 July that other sources observed troops moving from Goerlitz westward and northwestward. See

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and are vaguely indicative of the air-landing exercises observed by two other sources in Altenburg, Thuringia. It is therefore possible that the unit which, according to the present report, was quartered in the camp in the woods and with which only six mortars were seen, was involved in these air-landing exercises, with the troops taking off in Dresden and landing at Altenburg. See

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